Percentage of India's Exports

244. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the percentage of India in world exports from January, 1987 to March 31, 1989 and what were the comparative percentage for the years 1985-86 and 1986-87; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to increase the percentage of exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE <SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The figures relating to percentage share of India in World exports are compiled on calendar year basis and are available upto the year 1987 only. The percentage share of India in World exports during the years 1985, 1986 and 1987 are as under:—

Year	Percentage share of India in world exports
1985	0.45
1986	0.44
1987	0.45

{*Source:* UN Monthly Bulletin of Statistics)

(b) A series of initiatives have been taken to promote exports. These are designed to generate surpluses for exports, to induce the production of goods contemporary in technology and competitive in prices and to make the exports profitable.

Foreign exchange waste under the guise of book imports through OGL

245. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA ;
SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:
SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large quantum of precious foreign exchange is being siphoned out of the country under the cover of importing books through the Open General Licence as reported in the *Hindustan Times* of 29th June, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is Government's assessment about the extent of loss in foreign exchange which has been reported to have been siphoned out under the cover of importing books under OGL during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to plug the loophole?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) to (c) Reports received in this regard indicate that certain unscrupulous importers are importing books as educational literature, but having no commercial value, at over-invoiced prices in the names of fictitious firms, the intention being to remit foreign exchange out of India through legal channels. The Directorate of Enforcement has recently detected six such cases which